

4 Reasons Why You Should Get CompTIA Network+ Before CCNA®

When it comes to certifications that help IT professionals build a foundation for a flourishing career in networking, CompTIA Network+ is the best place to start. While other certifications, such as Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), cover computer networking skills, they don't place an emphasis on mastery of baseline skills. Here are four reasons we think CompTIA Network+ is the first step for IT pros looking to advance their computer networking career.

CompTIA Network+ vs. CCNA



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Broadens an IT Pro's Ability to Support Any Equipment

Prepares candidates to work with any tool or product, regardless of vendor, which makes an individual's networking capabilities limitless.

Focuses on the Skills Needed for Cisco Solutions

Trains candidates to work with Cisco's tools and products exclusively.



Prepares IT Pros for Specific Job Roles

Provides deep knowledge of networking and imparts networking skills needed for specific job roles:

- Junior Network Administrator
- Datacenter Support Technician
- Network Engineer
- Systems Administrator
- Network Operations Center (NOC) Technician
- Telecommunications Technician
- Cable Technician

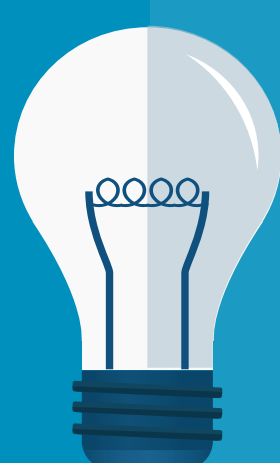


Prepares a Candidate to Support Vendor Solutions

Covers general networking skills related to Cisco products but is not tied to specific job roles.

Benefits Wide Variety of Enterprises

CompTIA Network+ certified IT pros understand complex networking topics and may be more efficient, which equals cost savings for enterprises.



Benefits Companies That Utilize Cisco Solutions

CCNA certified IT pros provide value to enterprises that utilize Cisco solutions.

Provides Technical Skills Plus Essential Business Skills

In addition to ensuring IT pros possess critical, multi-vendor networking skills, CompTIA Network+ also provides business skills demanded by today's workplace.



Offers Technical Skills Only

CCNA provides candidates with technical skills but doesn't pair them with business skills, such as change management, incident management and business continuity.

CompTIA Network+ Should Be Your First Step

CompTIA's vendor-neutral certifications prepare IT pros for job roles at any organization, using any vendor equipment. The skills covered by CompTIA Network+ lay a foundation for IT pros who want to build a career in IT infrastructure and need skills that support multi-vendor networking. This gives them a competitive advantage over their peers and business skills that will grow their career.

Ready to take the first step toward earning CompTIA Network+?



Download the exam objectives to get started.

